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Dr. Zhong-Ru Gan

Application No.: 09/423,100

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: CHIMERIC PROTEIN CONTAINING AN

INTRAMOLECULAR CHAPERONE-

LIKE SEQUENCE AND ITS APPLICATION TO INSULIN

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment dated May 14, 2001 for failure to timely or properly reply to the Office Letter mailed on February 22, 2001. Applicants petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application. The following is a chronology of events:

- 1. On February 22, 2001 the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) mailed a Notification of a Defective Response. (Exhibit A). This document required a reply within one month of the date of the Notification.
- 2. On March 20, 2001, Applicants mailed a reply with a certificate of mailing to the PTO (Exhibit B).

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- 3. On March 30, 2001, Applicants received a return postcard stamped with a date indicating it was received by the OIPE on March 23, 2001 and stamped with the effective receipt date of March 20, 2001. The return receipt postcard is evidence that the reply was timely received by the PTO (Exhibit C).
- 4. On May 31, 2001 Applicants' authorized agent, Jennison and Schultz, P.C., inspected the files and reported that the hand-delivered copies of Exhibits A C to the PTO for entry into the files. The papers were accepted by Pat Booker, the Paralegal Specialist who signed the Notice of Abandonment and the Notice of Defective Response. Ms. Booker indicated that due to the workload at the PTO there would be some delay in a further response from the PTO. The reporting letter from Jennison and Schultz, P.C. and the PTO-stamped receipt are enclosed (Exhibit D).
- 5. Applicants believe this petition is timely under 37 CFR §1.181(f) as it is filed within two months from the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment (May 14, 2001); and
- 6. Applicants believe no fee is due, but if a fee is due, please charge deposit account No. 20-1430.

Copies of the documents listed as exhibits are proof of Applicants timely response to the Notification of a Defective Response. mailed on February 22, 2001.

In light of item 4 above, and in the absence of any further formal communication from the PTO with respect to the withdrawal of the abandonment, Applicants submit this petition as a precautionary measure to provide a record of the above communications with the PTO and to formally petition, if needed, for withdrawal of the abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.181(f).

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If the above abandonment has not already been withdrawn, Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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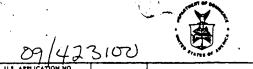
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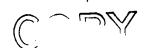
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via Priority Mail

Attention: Frank J. Mycroft, J.D., Ph.D.

Re: U.S. Patent Application

Title: CHIMERIC PROTEIN CONTAINING AN INTRAMOLECULAR CHAPERONE-LIKE SEQUENCE AND ITS APPLICATION TO INSULIN PRODUCTION

Ser. No. 09/423,100 Filed 10/29/1999

Your File: 020167-000120US

Dear Frank:

This refers to your request dated May 23, 2001 and confirms our phone report on May 31 and our phone conversation with Mary Green today in regard to the above noted subject.

We placed a request for the official file for the abandoned application using the Power to Inspect that you furnished. On May 31, personnel in the PCT Section of the Patent and Trademark Office informed us that they had located the official file. On that same date we hand delivered and filed the Revocation and Substitution of Power of Attorney and copies of the papers previously filed by your firm in connection with this application. We gave the documents directly to Pat Booker, the paralegal who issued the Notification of Abandonment, and asked her to expedite the handling of the application including the entry of the papers. Ms. Booker informed us that there is a backlog of cases, but that she would do what she could and that she would contact you directly when the application was revived. Enclosed find your date stamped post card receipt as well as a date stamped copy of the papers filed.

If you have any question or if we may be of further assistance, please let us know. We apologize for the delay in sending this confirmation.

Sincerely yours

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